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**MS 1119**  
**PROEBSTEL FAMILY**  
**SOMBRERO BUTTE, 1929-1996**

**DESCRIPTION**

This collection includes a number of photographs of the Proebestl family and the town of Sombrero Butte and its mining operations, from the 1929-32 period, and recollections of family members, written in 1996, which cover the years that they lived there. It also includes two maps of the area and some recent color photos of Sombrero Butte.

1 box, .1 linear ft.

**BACKGROUND**

Sombrero Butte is a ghost town in eastern Pinal County near the Graham County Line. Chester Proebstel and his family lived there 1929-1932 while he served as superintendent of the mine operated by the Bunker Hill Mining Company of Portland, Oregon. Proebstel, his wife, Elta lived in Sombrero Butte, and their four children - Norman, Walter, Lloyd and Lenore attended the one-room school there.

**ACQUISITION**

Donated by Ethan M. Johnson in 1996.

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**PROCESSING**

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